

Mysterious Mayans

Subject Specific Vocabulary

glyphs	Symbols used in the Mayan writing system. Each symbol represents a word or sound.
codices	Books created by the Mayans. They were made of soft bark and folded like a fan.
Chichen Itza	The Mayans most well-known pyramid.
cocoa	Seeds that the Maya used to make chocolate.
pyramid	A large monument with four sides that had a flat top. At the top they built a temple to their Gods.
quetzal	A type of jungle bird with feathers that the Maya used in their feathered clothing and headdresses.



Marvellous Facts about the Mayans

The Mayans lived in Central America – Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras and El Salvador.

The Mayans are famous for astronomy, calendar systems and hieroglyphic writing.

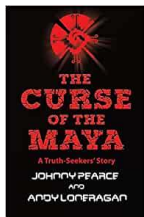
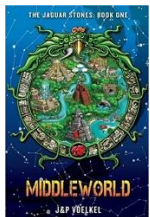
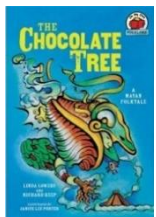
The Mayan civilisation had around 2 million people at its peak!

Mayans created pyramids, palaces, temples and ceremonial structures. These were all created without the use of metal tools.

They were skilled with reading and writing the glyph system – they created 800 different glyphs.

They were very artistic which reflected their daily life, Gods and leaders.

Mayan culture was very religious. They practiced human sacrifice for medical and religious purposes.



Some books you might like to try

